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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Peter Jessup, White House

SUBJECT : Status of Warsaw Pact Forces in
Czechoslovakia

1. Soviet forces currently located in Czechoslovakia include about 40,000 men in three divisions, all of which were formerly located in the Carpathian Military District, with supporting ground elements and about 70 tactical aircraft.

2. All other Soviet and East European ground forces which were involved in the Czechoslovak intervention have left Czechoslovakia and have probably returned to their normal locations, leaving a net increase of three Soviet divisions in the forward area.

3. At least 10, and possibly as many as 13, Soviet Category II divisions in the western USSR border MDs were brought to combat-ready status prior to the intervention. There is no evidence that any substantial demobilization of these forces has yet occurred. There are now 19 to 22 Category I divisions (excluding airborne) in the Western USSR.

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